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Dear Sir/Madam:

**After-Allowance Amendment  
Filed under 37 CFR 1.312 and Per Discussion with Examiner**

This after-allowance amendment is being submitted pursuant to a telephone conference we had with Examiner Henn on December 21, 2007.

The applicant requested the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement to claims 25 to 28 since claims 1-24 and 30-33 are allowable. The request was made because the examiner indicated those restricted claims would be reconsidered if the other claims were allowable.

The Examiner informed us that if claim 25 was amended to make it a proper dependent claim as suggested below, then claim 25 and corresponding dependent claim 26 would be entered and hence allowed. Applicant appreciates the time and effort that the Examiner granted the Applicant in making this decision.

Applicant believes the restriction requirement should be rescinded to claims 25 and 26 based on the Examiner's suggested language and respectfully requests the Examiner enter the amendments to claim 25 and allow claims 1-26 and 30-33.

Respectfully submitted,

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